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	First Inventor	Maki WATANABE et al.
	Title	DISPOSABLE WEARING ARTICLE FOR ABSORPTION...
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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	2203	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	2204	84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1451	2451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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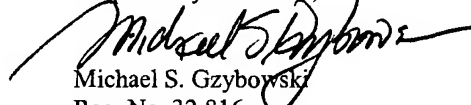
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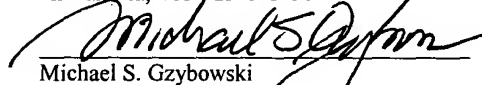

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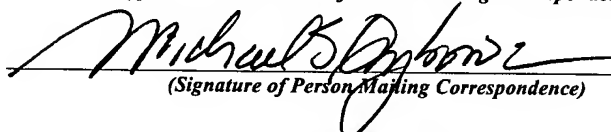
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